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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-25, 27-39 and 41-47 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-25, 27-39, and 41-47 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 12/21/2005 to the original application filed 06/22/1999.
2. Claims 1-8, 10-25, 27-39, and 41-47 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 17, 30, and 41-42 have been amended. Claims 9, 26, and 40 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 17 and 30 are independent claims.
3. “*A tangible computer-readable medium*” (recited in the preamble of claim 1) should read “*A computer-readable storage medium*” to meet one of the four statutory classes of § 101. See “Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject matter Eligibility”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

(b) This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 1-7, 10-19, 21-25, 27-39, and 41-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **EMMELMANN** (US 2003/0074634, filed 11/1999, provisional application No. 60/110,657, filed 11/27/1998) in view of **Pacifici et al.** (U.S. 6,230,171 – filed 08/1998).

As to claim 17:

- a. EMMELMANN teaches a computer-implemented method of providing dynamic effects to an HTML document (*see Abstract*), comprising the steps of:
- (i) encapsulating code in an external component that may affect a behavior of one or more elements, including elements of different documents (*e.g., ISSC's encapsulate dynamic page functions including processing of user responses on the server and thus can be reused; see Abstract & para. 0025, 0094 and 0395*);
 - (ii) inserting an element into a document (*e.g., components can be added to the page; para.0068, 0073 and 0091 / inserts the new component into the current page; para.0214*);
 - (iv) attaching a reference in the document to associate the element with an instance of the external component, such that another instance of the element may be referenced by a different document (*e.g., by adding components to a page, the pages becomes a dynamic page ... A page might display different content ... a database component displays the*

current database content, which may change anytime; para.0073 & also see para.0075, 0085, 0087 and 0090-0091); and

(iii) *providing the document to a render (e.g., the browser then receives the page 41 displays it 42; para.0119 & the window or frame the resulting page is to be displayed in; para.0175).*

- b. EMMELMANN teaches associating the element with the external component, but does not explicitly teach “*the external component is maintained in a cascading style sheet.*”
- c. Pacifici teaches the external component is maintained in a cascading style sheet (*col.6, lines 20-22 & col.9, lines 55-67*).
- d. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the feature from Pacifici in the system of EMMELMANN because it would have provided the capability for forcing all such environment parameters such as font sizes, font typefaces, margin widths, and any other similar parameters that may affect the appearance of the HTML document.

As to claim 18:

EMMELMANN teaches providing the external component to the renderer (*para.0140; 0142; 0158; and 0161*).

As to claim 19:

EMMELMANN teaches rendering a page image from the document, accessing the external component (*para.0123-0124 & also see fig.10 and the associated text*), and

modifying a representation of the element based on the code in the external component
(*para.0027;0310; and 0388*).

As to claim 21:

EMMELMANN teaches the changing the appearance thereof (*para.0027*).

As to claim 22:

EMMELMANN teaches the changing the location thereof (*para.0027*).

As to claim 23:

EMMELMANN teaches rendering a page image from the document, accessing the external component, and drawing information in the image based on the code in the external component (*para.0073 & 0250*).

As to claim 24:

EMMELMANN teaches rendering a page image from the document is interleaved with drawing information in the image (*para.0250*).

As to claim 25:

EMMELMANN teaches receiving an event indicative of user interaction with the image
(*e.g., the user presses a link ... Clicking on the button makes the component scroll; para.0098 & 0102*).

As to claim 27:

EMMELMANN teaches the information associating the element with the external component is maintained in a custom tag (*para.0398*).

As to claim 28:

EMMELMANN teaches the information associating the element with the external component is maintained in a class identifier (*e.g., each interactive component instance gets an unique identification called bid. The bid must be unique at least within a session; para.0107*).

As to claim 29:

EMMELMANN teaches the reference associating the element with the external component is maintained inline with the element in the document (*para.0075; 0091; and 0094*).

As to claim 30:

It is directed to a computer system for performing the method of claim 17, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale. Additionally, EMMELMANN teaches modifying the behavior of elements, including elements of different documents (*e.g., editing of the component's attributes ... to insert, move, copy, or delete components; para.0027*).

As to claim 1:

It is directed to a computer-readable medium for implementing the method of claim 17, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale. Additionally, EMMELMANN teaches:

- a. rendering a page image corresponding to at least part of the document, the page image including a representation of the element (*para.0123-0124 & also see fig.10 and the associated text*); and
- b. accessing the external component for determining a behavior of the representation of the element rendered on the page image (*para.0023*).

As to claim 2:

EMMELMANN teaches receiving an event, and wherein accessing the external component is performed in response to the event (*para.0076; 0098; and 0102*).

As to claims 3-5:

They include the same limitations as in claims 21-23, respectively, and are similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 6:

EMMELMANN teaches the external component comprises an object (*e.g., component objects; para.0179*), and wherein accessing the external component includes instantiating an instance of the object (*e.g. an instance of the component page; para.0073*).

As to claim 7:

EMMELMANN teaches receiving a new document having another element thereon, the new document including information associating the other element with the external component (*para.0091*), rendering a new page image corresponding to at least part of the document, the new page image including a representation of the other element (*para.0123-0124 & also see fig.10 and the associated text*), and accessing the external component for determining a behavior of the representation of the other element rendered on the page image (*para.0023*).

As to claims 10-12:

They include the same limitations as in claims 27-29, respectively, and are similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 13:

EMMELMANN teaches the document includes another element having a representation thereof rendered in the page image, the document includes other information associating the other element with the external component (*para.0123-0124 & also see fig.10 and the associated text*), and further comprising, accessing the external component for determining a behavior of the representation of the other element (*para.0023*).

As to claim 14:

EMMELMANN teaches the document includes information associating the element with a second external component (*para.0091*), and further comprising, accessing the second external component for determining a behavior of the representation of the element (*para.0023*).

As to claim 15:

EMMELMANN teaches resolving a conflict between the behavior determined by the external component and the behavior determined by the second external component (*para.0094; 0174; 0179-0180; and 0396-0397*).

As to claim 16:

EMMELMANN teaches downloading the external component (*e.g., the components are downloaded from the server; para.0013*).

As to claim 31:

It includes the same limitations as in claim 25 above, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 32:

EMMELMANN teaches the renderer displays a representation of the element and modifies a behavior of the element by accessing the external component (*para.0027;0310; and 0388*).

As to claims 33-35:

They include the same limitations as in claims 21-23, respectively, and are similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 36:

EMMELMANN teaches the renderer calls the external component a plurality of times to draw information on the page image, and the renderer draws information on the page image between at least some of calls to the external component (*para.0250; 0087-0091 and 0138*).

As to claim 37:

It includes the same limitations as in claim 6 above, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 38:

EMMELMANN teaches the external component comprises an object (*e.g., component objects; para.0179*), and wherein the rendered communicates with the object (*para. 0243*).

As to claim 39:

EMMELMANN teaches the render receives a new document having another element thereon that references the external component (*e.g., create a new component object, but*

an existing one can be reused instead ... components can have a name parameter. Fig. 35 illustrates a modified version of the display method of fig. 11; para.0180).

As to claim 41:

- a. EMMELMANN does not explicitly teach “*the cascading style sheet is embedded in the document.*”
- b. Pacifici teaches the cascading style sheet is embedded in the document (*e.g., dynamic HTML ... using a Cascading Style Sheet; col.9, line 47-col.10, line 7*).
- c. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the feature from Pacifici in the system of EMMELMANN because it would have provided the capability for forcing all such environment parameters such as font sizes, font typefaces, margin widths, and any other similar parameters that may affect the appearance of the HTML document.

As to claim 42:

- a. EMMELMANN does not explicitly teach “*the cascading style sheet is linked to the document.*”
- b. Pacifici teaches the cascading style sheet is linked to the document (*col.6, lines 1-29*).
- c. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the feature from Pacifici in the system of EMMELMANN because it would have provided the capability for forcing all such environment parameters such as font sizes, font typefaces, margin widths,

and any other similar parameters that may affect the appearance of the HTML document.

As to claim 43:

It includes the same limitations as in claim 27 above, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claims 44-46:

They include the same limitations as in claims 12-14, respectively, and are similarly rejected under the same rationale.

As to claim 47:

EMMELMANN teaches the renderer accesses the external component to control the format of data input by a user (*para.0102; 0108 & also see fig. 26*).

6. Claims 8 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **EMMELMANN** in view of **Pacifici et al.** as applied to claims 1 and 17 above and further in view **Kindel**, "COM: What Makes it Work", 1997, pp. 68-77.

As to claim 8:

- a. The combination of EMMELMANN and Pacifici does not specifically teach "*the external component is a COM object and wherein accessing the external component includes calling an interface of the COM object.*"

- b. Kindel teaches the external component is a COM object (*e.g., COM; see page 1*) and wherein accessing the external component includes calling an interface of the COM object (*e.g., see Interfaces section; page 70*).
- c. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Kindel's teachings with EMMELMANN as modified by Pacifici because it would have provided the capability for putting the concept of a binary component in the programmer's face by focusing on binary interoperability through interfaces.

As to claim 20:

It includes the same limitations as in claim 8 above, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

- 7. Applicant's arguments filed 12/21/2005 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Responsive to arguments set forth in Applicant's Remarks, the Examiner has considered and removed Parthasarathy reference used in the previous office action.

Conclusion

- 8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Massena et al.	U.S. Patent No. 6,035,119	Issued: Mar. 7, 2000
Popp et al.	U.S. Patent No. 6,651,108	Issued: Nov. 18, 2003

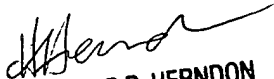
Contact information

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maikhanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00am – 5:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached at (571) 272-4136.

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